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**TO**: Procurement Directors

**FROM:** Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61

Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

**SUBJECT**: Acquisition Guide Chapters on Allowable Food and Beverage Costs at DOE and

Contractor Sponsored Conferences

SUMMARY: The Department has issued Acquisition Guide Chapters 31.2 and 70.31B, which discuss how Contracting Officers should help ensure only allowable food and beverage costs are charged to contracts (both management and operating contracts and other than management and operating contracts) that involve Department of Energy and contractor sponsored conferences. Because the guidance is the same for both types of contracts, Chapter 70.31B simple refers the reader to Chapter 31.2, which provides the complete discussion. Additionally, former Chapter 70.31, Costs Associated with Whistlebower Actions, has been renumbered to Chapter 70.31A.

This flash and its attachments may be viewed online at the following website: <a href="http://management.energy.gov/policy\_guidance/policy\_flashes.htm">http://management.energy.gov/policy\_guidance/policy\_flashes.htm</a>.

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Attachments